Statement II

Details of Expenditure incurred by Government for maintenance upkeep & Renewal of Historical monuments sanctuaries & other places of interest in India

Year	Archaeological Survey of India (In Lakhs)	Ministry of Environment & Forest (In Lakhs)	Ministry of Tourism (In Lakhs)
1999-2000	2848.00	6954.00	390.00

Note : Source of Information, Archaeological Survey of India, Ministry of Environment and Forest, Department of Tourism.

Conditions of NCF for preservation of heritage sites

1837. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM & CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the terms and conditions of National Culture Fund for roping in corporate sector to take up preservation and protection of country's important heritage sites and monuments;

(b) whether there is any time- frame fixed in this project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Individuals and organisations including Corporate entities can collaborate with the National Culture Fund (NCF) in conceiving, developing and implementing projects for conserving heritages sites and for improving the infrastructure at these sites. Contributions to NCF are eligible for cent per cent tax deduction under Section 80 (G) 2 of the Income Tax. The normal practice is that NCF enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with the partner who wishes to collaborate. The MoU specifies scope of the project, its duration and the terms and conditions of such collaboration. All contributions for a project are deposited in a separate bank account and the funds are operated jointly by a representative of the NCF and of the partner based on the decisions of the Project Implementation Committee. The Project Implementation Committee has representation of the NCF and specialised agencies like Archaeological Survey of India and the corporate partner.